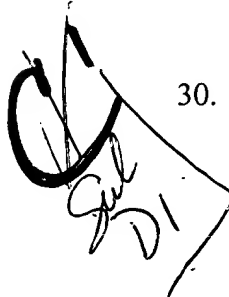


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29. (Amended) The stencil of claim 30, wherein opposing edges of the central body are of equal length.
30. (Amended) A stencil comprising a metallic sheet having one or more apertures formed through the thickness of the metallic sheet to define a pattern for printing solder on a substrate, the metallic sheet having four peripheral edges, and the metallic sheet defining more than two receiving apertures along each peripheral edge.